Development of Space Power Generator by NPCL

2349. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Space Power Generator (SPG) was development by Nuclear Power Corporation Limited (NPCIL) at Kaiga project;

(b) whether a model of the same was shown at any time in the Conference by German Association of Gravity Field Energy at Hanover;

(c) if so, whether work is still going on the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

News-Item titled "Foreign Reactors-Dangerous Liaisons"

2350. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article in the Hindu Survey of Environment, 1999 titled "Foreign Reactors-Dengerous liaisons" by former Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board pertaining to the Russian VVER reactors planned for Koodankulam; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The VVER-1000, model 320 type plants have been extensively reviewed by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and